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A Travis County Grand Jury has decided that Round Rock Police Department Sergeant Nathan Zoss and Officer Kristen Mayo will not face charges related to an injury that William Slade Sullivan received when the officers pulled him from his vehicle in an attempt to arrest him on March 21, 2014.

Sergeant Zoss and Officer Mayo responded to a 911 call at 3:37 a.m. from a security guard at Rick's Cabaret on North IH-35 saying that Sullivan was intoxicated and was about to leave in his truck. The officers arrived to find Sullivan sitting in his truck in the parking lot with the engine running. Zoss approached Sullivan and asked him repeatedly to exit his truck, but Sullivan refused. The officers then opened Sullivan's door and Sullivan tried to shut the door.

Officer Mayo attempted to remove Sullivan from the truck and Sullivan resisted. Sergeant Zoss assisted Officer Mayo and both officers pulled Sullivan out of the driver's seat and to the ground. Sullivan began complaining that he couldn't feel his legs and the officers called for an ambulance. Sullivan was transported to a hospital where he was found to have sustained a fracture in the lumbar region of his back that resulted in paralysis to his legs.

Sullivan remained hospitalized for five months, during which time he had several medical complications which left him unable to breathe without a ventilator. Sullivan was removed from life support on August 18, 2014 after experiencing a severe brain hemorrhage. The Travis County Medical Examiner's Office found that Sullivan died as the result of complications of blunt force trauma with a significant factor of ankylosing spondylitis, a pre-existing inflammatory disease that causes vertebra to fuse together, limiting or preventing spinal flexibility.

The Grand Jury heard approximately seven hours of testimony from six witnesses.

Press packets containing documents, audio and video related to the incident are available on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the District Attorney's Office, located at the Criminal Justice Center, 509 West 11<sup>th</sup> Street.

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